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Peter Thomson

Dresses for Children

We said the other day that our Children's Wear buyer was coming from New York with a complete line of new ideas in Children's Goods.

We thought we had a fair idea of what she would bring with her, but it WAS ONLY an idea. The reality far exceeds in beauty and utility what we imagined it would be.

Among the new conceits are the "Peter Thomson" Dresses for Children between 2 and 6 years of age.

Everybody knows what a furor was created when these garments came out for older children, and the beautiful dresses for the little people will be just as popular.

All-Wool Serge, with a gored skirt, made with a deep hem. The blouse is trimmed with silk braid and silk tie. Navy blue only, and one of the daintiest spring frocks that you can possibly imagine, for \$6.50.

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A meeting of the chairman of different tables followed the adjournment of the Bazaar Association.

Afternoon Euchre Party.

To-morrow afternoon, beginning promptly at 4 o'clock, a game of euchre will be played in the Albemarle Club for the benefit of the Missouri table. Mrs. John C. Tugan and Mrs. R. M. Blankenship will do all in their power to promote the pleasure of the young people. Any one wishing to enter the game will be supplied with a card and souvenir by Mrs. R. M. Blankenship, of No. 15 North Fourth Street.

Wedding Cards.

Invitations have been issued by Mr. and Mrs. Swalesky for the marriage of Mrs. Skalsky's sister, Miss Alice Fortelli, to Mr. J. A. Fischer, the ceremony to be performed Wednesday afternoon, February 11th, at 8 o'clock, in St. Mary's Church.

A valentine entertainment to be held for the benefit of the Home for Incurables, will be given February 14th, at 8 o'clock P. M., in Belvidere Hall. The announcement of the entertainment will contain many attractive features for boys and girls, is quaintly worded in verse, of which the following is a sample:

"Come one and all to Belvidere Hall, At 8 o'clock P. M. There's a lot of fun for every one, And merry sports for them, But while we're glad to see each lad And lass on this dear day, We must request that each small guest A silver quarter pay."

Personal Mention.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Basil H. Betts and of Miss Hill, Mrs. Betts' sister, will be sorry to hear of their having met with a serious accident in Japan, where they now have their home. While out driving they were thrown from a cart and all more or less severely hurt. They are now improving, though it will be some time before Mrs. Betts entirely recovers.

Mr. and Mrs. Betts spent a winter in Richmond, where they were very popular.

Miss Beatrice Ashmead, of Washington, D. C., is visiting Mrs. Thomas Bolling, at No. 610 West Franklin Street.

A called meeting of the Masonic Home Auxiliary will be held this afternoon in the Temple at 4 o'clock.

Mrs. Berryman and Miss Massey, of St. John's, New Brunswick, are spending some time in Richmond at No. 215 East Franklin Street.

Young ladies assisting Mrs. E. T. Robinson at the flower booth during the Confederate bazaar, were Misses Flora Cameron, Jeanne Cameron, Bertha Adams, Kate Michaux, Margaret Warwick, Sally Reid Anderson, Katherine Bruce, Ella Bruce, Claudia Palmer, Mary Ball, Lily Urquhart, Mary Washington Pendleton, Ethel Pace.

VINDICATE MR. CLOWES

Only Did His Duty in the Sugarbottom Jones Case.

THE COMMITTEE APPROVES

And Afterward, on Motion of Mr. Glenn, Recommends that a Sum of Money Be Donated for the Benefit of Mr. Jones.

For the purpose of making public the true state of affairs in connection with the non-payment of the claims filed in favor of Mr. F. P. Jones (Sugarbottom) Jones, an employee of the city at the rock-pile as a vagrant guard, a special meeting of the Committee on Police, Elections and Schools was held yesterday afternoon, there being present Messrs. Glenn (chairman), Clowes, Peters, Seay, Shea, Sheppard, Stein, Washer and Zimmerman.

On motion of Mr. Sheppard, the following resolutions were adopted, from which it may be seen that the committee unanimously approved the course pursued by Councilman E. H. Clowes in holding up payment of certain salary vouchers in favor of Mr. Jones and calling to the attention of the committee the fact that William Disney, another vagrant guard, has been making misleading reports:

THE RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, Mr. F. P. Jones, an employee of this committee, has published an interview, reflecting upon the official action of Mr. E. H. Clowes in the rejection of certain claims, the committee deems it proper to recite: That Mr. Jones admitted that he was sick October 9th and that he was paid his daily duties during the remainder of that month. He was, however, paid for every working day in that month, or twenty-seven days at \$1.50, \$40.50; actual time made, nine days, at \$1.50, \$13.50. Amount overpaid, \$27.00. He was paid for twelve days in November, no time having been made by him, \$18.00. Total overpaid, \$45.00. These two pay-rolls were made up, certified and collected by Mr. Disney, another guard.

Still another pay-roll, giving Mr. Jones twenty-seven days in December, at \$1.50 per day, was made up, certified and presented for payment, but was refused payment by the City Auditor, who had evidence that not a day's service had been rendered.

This was an effort to collect \$40.50. Yet another pay-roll was made, presented and rejected in committee for twenty-seven days, at \$1.50 per day. This was an effort to collect \$40.50. Total presented and not paid, \$81.00.

It is, therefore, plain that Mr. Jones received for time not made \$45.00, and that pay-rolls were made, certified, presented and rejected for \$81.00, making a total overcertification of \$126.00.

In each case it was necessary that some one should certify to the number of days of actual service—and no more.

DUTY OF MR. CLOWES.

It was the duty of the auditor of the committee, Mr. Clowes, to check and approve pay-rolls. If he had done so to suppose or evidence to prove that the service reported had not been rendered, it was his sworn duty to refuse his approval of the rolls. And no one claims that Mr. Jones worked in December or January. Mr. Jones, like all the men, was paid for the day each actual day's service only; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Committee on Police, first, That the October and November pay-rolls were erroneous and overcertified; second, That the December and January pay-rolls were unwarranted and overcertified; third, That the action of Mr. Clowes in the matter was in every sense proper and necessary and in accordance with the ordinances of the city governing such cases;

Fourth, That Mr. Clowes has the commendation of this committee for his carefulness in examining these accounts, detecting the errors therein and protecting the interests of the city.

MONEY FOR MR. JONES.

The session of the committee was one of the most interesting held by it in a long time. It was a matter of the greatest attention to every word that was uttered. It finally culminated, after the adoption of the foregoing resolutions, in a recommendation being made to the Council that the sum of \$81, the amount that would have been paid Mr. Jones had he not been taken ill, be appropriated for the benefit of his family, if being shown by Councilman Glenn that they are in needy circumstances.

There is now pending before the committee a motion to discontinue Mr. Disney as a member of the committee, for making false reports, and this matter will be acted upon at the next regular meeting.

Doughty the Winner.

(By Associated Press.) SAVANNAH, GA., February 5.—Doughty, of Philadelphia, and Ike Cohen boxed thirteen exceptionally clean and clever rounds before the Savannah Athletic Club to-night. In the twelfth round Cohen was knocked down twice for a count of eight, and in the thirteenth he was obliged to take the count of nine three times, when he refused. Jenkins stopped the contest and declared Doughty the winner.

Snap Shots Taken In Hotel Lobbies

"I have just received a letter from my son, Charles," said Colonel S. M. Newhouse, of Culpeper, at New Ford's last night. "He is still in South Africa, and says he is recently paid a visit to Pretoria, which he found to be an interesting old-fashioned city. He met United States Consul Agent Proffitt, formerly of West Virginia, there, and found him to be a fine man."

"I wrote Charles recently," continued the Colonel, "to stop by and spend a while with me in Richmond on his way home, and his reply was that he would do so, should I be here in 1905."

Congressman Carter Glass, of the Sixth District, was a distinguished figure in the lobby of Murphy's last night. Mr. Glass is now in good health and looks as if he were never sick a day in his life. "The War Department," he said, "agrees with me," said the popular leader to some friends, who were congratulating him upon the improved condition of his health. Mr. Glass is heartily in favor of the Burkhead pure elections bill and would like to see it pass, as it came from the hands of the Halifax Senator. He is here on business in connection with the University bill and will return to Washington to-day.

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Mr. Charles I. Stengle, editor of the Fredericksburg Free Lance, is registered at Murphy's.

Mr. G. S. Wing, a prominent attorney of Prince Edward county, is in the city and registered at New Ford's.

Mr. Wing is a striking looking man, and in personal appearance is not unlike the picture of Mark Twain, the celebrated humorist.

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Virginians here last night were: Murphy's: Mrs. Chapman, Williamsburg; Miss Chapman, Williamsburg; W. S. Wellman, Norfolk; C. R. Fretton and wife, Suffolk; their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Danville; C. S. Ward, Clarksville; W. B. Alwood, Blacksburg; J. S. Payne, Fluvanna; G. S. Wing, Virginia; J. B. C. Spencer, Williamsburg; W. M. G. Ransom, Buckingham; Miss G. Burford, Prince Edward; Mrs. M. Pugh, Norfolk; L. W. Lane, Williamsburg; New Ford's: Sol. Winston, Roanoke; Max Goldberg, East Radford; A. L. Matthews, Gloucester.

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DEPENDS ON WEATHER

And Weather Man Says It Will Grow Warmer Again on Saturday—All Dealers Now Selling Anthracite at \$8—Soft Coal Scarce.

With favorable weather conditions, anthracite coal, during the past few months a luxury in Richmond, will be selling here soon at \$6.50 per ton. So, at least, say certain coal dealers, who are keeping a close watch for indications of another drop, and who, it is to be presumed, are familiar with the situation.

After the stringent conditions incident to the strike period, it sounds dreamlike and unreal to talk of anthracite in so free and easy a fashion, and many, including some merchants, are disposed to doubt that so marked a change is imminent. But the belief of the others is sufficient to inspire hope in the breasts of many, and as such is worth the stating.

THE WEATHER.

One thing seems to be agreed by all. As goes the weather, so will go the price of coal. Everything depends upon atmospheric conditions, than which there is nothing more uncertain, and coal will fluctuate with the thermometer. If extreme weather ensues there will likely be a rise in the price, instead of a fall.

In Richmond there was a fall of about twenty-seven degrees in the temperature. The thermometer registered thirty-three degrees yesterday morning, and last night it went lower. The most disagreeable feature of the conditions was a high wind, which blew ceaselessly and which affected telegraph wires more or less. Throughout to-day the cold will continue, and then, beginning to-morrow morning, it will grow warmer, remains to be seen. "There appears to be no danger of extreme wintry weather," said Farmer Evans yesterday.

ABOUT COAL.

Upon this question much depends. If the conditions which prevailed in Richmond up to Wednesday night should resume their hold upon this section, coal is almost certain to drop again.

"If the weather continues mild," said a coal dealer yesterday, "I expect to be selling anthracite coal at \$5.50 when I could get coal from the Pennsylvania Railroad, which hitherto has refused to ship in this direction. I could do it anyhow. The coal is better than the one from the road, has promised to do something for us, and something may be doing soon. If I hear that they are willing to ship, I shall not wait until it gets here, but shall cut down the higher-priced stock already on hand to that figure."

On the other hand, there is some who won't admit that there is a likelihood of another drop. "If some of the coal operators were seen yesterday, but refused to express any particular opinion. He said the newspapers are doing a lot of harm guessing at the situation, and are upheaving the trade and so on. "The price of coal will fluctuate with the thermometer," he said. "It is my opinion that if there is any very cold weather there will be a reaction, and prices will go up again."

It is a dealer in Richmond, so far as can be ascertained, has cut the price of anthracite down to \$8. Receipts are heavier than they have been for months.

SOFT COAL SCARCE.

While the situation with reference to anthracite seems to be more promising, for many days, the same cannot be said of soft coal. Sent receipts are drawing the lines tight and the market is stiff and firm. Steam coal is very scarce, and it would not be surprising if it moved up a peg on the price ladder.

Run Over and Killed.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) ELIZABETH CITY, N. C., February 5.—Burgess Pendleton, a youth about eleven years old, was run over this afternoon and killed by a pair of horses driven by

Puny Children

and delicate mothers begin to thrive when they take our VINOL. It's pretty serious when mother says, "I'm afraid I'll have to take my girl out of school. She's thin, doesn't sleep and she worries." Backward children are often just ailing children. VINOL seems to give such children new power to eat, digest and grow strong in both mind and body. Money back if you want it

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ADICKS WITHDRAWS

Throws Up Sponge in Fight for U. S. Senatorship.

NEWS CAUSED SENSATION

Belief is General That Failure of Confirmation of Mr. Wm. M. Byrne as U. S. District Attorney Caused Mr. Adick's Change.

(By Associated Press.) DOVER, DEL., Feb. 5.—The sudden announcement to-day that J. Edward Adicks had withdrawn from the candidacy for United States Senator, which he has urged so persistently since 1895, created an immense sensation.

The belief is general that the refusal of the United States Senate to confirm the nomination of United States District Attorney William M. Byrne had the effect of bringing about Mr. Adicks' withdrawal. The Union Republican choice for Senator in place of Mr. Adicks will probably be Governor Hunn or Secretary of State Layton. State Senator Alvey, the Adicks leader, having recently declared that he would not accept the United States Senatorship.

Mr. Adicks arrived here from Wilmington about 1 o'clock, going direct to the Capitol. He was ushered into the parlor of the State House, where all the twenty-one Republican members of the Legislature were assembled to meet him. The assemblymen received Mr. Adicks with cheers, and he appeared deeply moved by the heartiness of their greeting. Immediately after Mr. Adicks' arrival Governor John Hunn, who is called the peace-maker in Delaware politics, entered the room.

MADE A STATEMENT.

Mr. Adicks then made a statement to the caucus, in which he referred to the Republican divisions in the State, and said:

"The cause assigned for this condition of strife has been universally proclaimed to be my candidacy for the Senate of the United States. It has been stated continually everywhere that with this stake to party unity removed, conflicting elements will cease and the party harmonious and strong, having abandoned its unlawful and insurrectionary methods, would thus be reunited. Influenced by this consideration and the obligations which the national organization of the State owes to the national organization of the Legislature, I have determined, urging no plea for myself, recalling no claims for any part I myself have borne for years and bringing victory out of a past republic, to have determined to remove the only reason assigned for the continuance of party disunion."

ONE CONDITION.

"I herewith declare publicly my withdrawal as a candidate before this Legislature for the office of Senator from this State in the Senate of the United States."

"The withdrawal of my candidacy is conditioned upon the holding of a Republican caucus to be participated in by all of the Republican members of the General Assembly and the selection of two candidates for the Senate of the United States by majority rule in said caucus."

During his address to his supporters Mr. Adicks was frequently interrupted with shouts of "Don't do such a thing. We'll stand by you until death."

"This is hard indeed," and similar urgent pleas for him to stand firm. It was seen from the first, however, that he was determined and that nothing could prevent him from doing so.

Mr. Adicks favored a caucus of all the thirty-one Republicans of the Legislature to be held to-night or to-morrow, at which two candidates for United States Senator will be nominated without any use of his name.

"The caucus may be postponed until next Monday night, by which time the leaders hope that some settlement of the difficulty will have been reached."

Canadian Bought by Baltimore.

(By Associated Press.) BALTIMORE, MD., February 5.—Edward Hanon and Moses N. Frank agreed to-night to pay Charles L. Donley \$3,000 for the franchise of the Montreal Eastern League baseball club. With no franchise money, Hanon and Frank secured for the Montreal players, and best Canadian team, will be transferred to Baltimore.

FOR THE ORIGINAL BARKSDALE BILL

Strong House Leaders Say It Will Almost Surely Pass.

It is by no means certain that the amendments offered in the Privileges and Elections Committee of the House by Hon. S. Gordon Cumming, of Hampton, to the Barksdale pure elections bill will be adopted by the House.

On the other hand, the passage of the bill as it came from the Senate seems almost assured. "You may quote me as saying," declared Hon. W. R. Duke, of Charlottesville, to a Times-Dispatch representative last night, "that I shall earnestly oppose the amendments, and that I believe they will be rejected by the House."

Hon. George W. Settle, of Rappahannock, who another strong House member will earnestly advocate the bill in its original form, and Captain W. D. Cardwell, of Hanover; Hon. J. D. Egan, of Brunswick, and many others have determined to join hands with the Halifax Senator in his efforts to procure cleaner election methods in the State. The bill will be taken up for some days yet, but it looks now as if the amendments will be rejected and the bill finally passed.

Pink Carnations 35 cents per dozen at Hammond's, 107 East Broad Street.

DOUGHTY THE WINNER

(By Associated Press.) SAVANNAH, GA., February 5.—Doughty, of Philadelphia, and Ike Cohen boxed thirteen exceptionally clean and clever rounds before the Savannah Athletic Club to-night. In the twelfth round Cohen was knocked down twice for a count of eight, and in the thirteenth he was obliged to take the count of nine three times, when he refused. Jenkins stopped the contest and declared Doughty the winner.

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